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# **Letters of Intent**

LOI2020015 University Hospital

Establish a Freestanding Emergency Care Facility

Received: 2/3/2020 Application must be submitted on: 3/4/2020

Site: 4200 University Parkway, Evans, GA 30809 (Columbia County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,600,000

LOI2020016 Northeast Georgia Medical Center- Main Campus

Add a Shared Inpatient/Outpatient Endovascular Operating Room Suite

Received: 2/7/2020 Application must be submitted on: 3/9/2020

Site: 743 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$11,000,000

# Winter Batching Cycle - Letters of Intent

# **Positron Emission Tomography Services**

# LOI2020002 Cowles Clinic

Lease Mobile PET/CT Scanner from Alliance Imaging to Provide Mobile Srvcs - Batching Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 1000 Cowles Clinic Way, Greensboro, GA 30642 (Greene County)

Estimated Cost: \$50,000

LOI2020003 Northeast Georgia Medical Center - Main Campus

Acquire One Additional Hospital-Based PET Unit for Use at Main Campus - Batching

Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 743 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$5,000,000

LOI2020004 Northside Hospital, Inc d/b/a Northside Hospital - Cherokee

Offer Mobile Hospital-Based PET/CT Srvcs at Hospital's OP Dept in Jasper - Batching Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020 Site: 134 Mountainside Village Pkwy Bldg 400, Jasper, GA 30143 (Pickens County)

Estimated Cost: \$0

LOI2020005 Emory University Hospital

Expand PET Services and Add a PET/MR - Batching

Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 1364 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30322 (DeKalb County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$4,800,000

LOI2020006 Navicent Health- Baldwin

Lease a Mobile PET/CT Scanner from Alliance Imaging - Batching

Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 821 N. Cobb Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061 (Baldwin County)

Estimated Cost: \$120,000

LOI2020007 Northside Hospital, Inc d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta

Offer Mobile PET/CT Srvcs at Hospital-Based OP Dept in Conyers - Batching

Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 2287 Salem Road, SE, Conyers, GA 30143 (Rockdale County)

Estimated Cost: \$30,000

LOI2020008 University Cancer & Blood Center, LLC

Add a PET/CT Unit to its Oncology Practice in Athens - Batching

Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

**Site:** 23320 Old Jefferson Road Bldg 700, Athens, GA 30607 (Clarke County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$3,000,000

LOI2020011 Wayne Memorial Hospital

Development of a Mobile PET/CT Service - Batching

Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 865 South First Street, Jesup, GA 31545 (Wayne County)

Estimated Cost: \$50,000

Megavoltage Radiation Therapy

**LOI2020009 Northside Hospital Gwinnett** 

Establish Hospital-Based Radiation Therapy Services on Campus - Batching

Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020 Site: 1000 Medical Center Boulevard, Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (Gwinnett County)

Estimated Cost: \$32

**LOI2020010 Emory University Hospital Midtown** 

Expand its Non-Special MVRT Service by Adding Linear Accelerator - Batching

Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 550 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 (Fulton County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$4,600,000

**Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services** 

LOI2020012 Flint River Hospital

Convert 18 Medical/Surgical Beds to Adult Psychiatric/Substance Abuse Beds.- Batching Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 509 Sumter Street, Montezuma, GA 31063 (Macon County)

Estimated Cost: \$615,070

LOI2020013 St. Francis Hospital

Relocate Portion of Geriatric Psych Srvc/Reallocate 3-Beds to Geriatric Psych Srvc - Batching Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 2121 Manchester Expressway, Columbus, GA 31904 (Muscogee County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,000,000

LOI2020014 Veritas Collaborative

Convert 13 of 50 Pediatric Acute Pysch Sub Abuse Beds to Adult PSA Beds - Batching Received: 1/21/2020 (Rollover Date) Application must be submitted on: 2/18/2020

Site: 41 Perimeter Center East Suite 250, Dunwoody, GA 30346 (DeKalb County)

Estimated Cost: \$500,000

**Expired Letters of Intent** 

LOI2019077 Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC

Construction and Development of New Freestanding Emergency Department

Received: 12/20/2019 Application must be submitted on: 1/21/2020

Site: 743 North Belair Road, Evans, GA 30809 (Columbia County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,500,000

LOI2019079 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Ctr

Construction and Development of New Freestanding Emergency Department

Received: 12/20/2019 Application must be submitted on: 1/21/2020 Site: Ford Ave and Forest Street Intersection, Richmond Hill, GA 31324 (Bryan County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,500,000

# Withdrawn CON Applications

none

# **New CON Applications**

2020-007 Southeast Georgia Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Satilla

Relocation and Renovation of Existing Space for Inpatient Behavioral Health Service

Filed: 2/5/2020

Site: 2500 Memorial Satilla Health, Waycross, GA 31501 (Ware County)

Contact: Mark Roberts COO 912-287-2501

**Estimated Cost:** \$5,993,976

# **Pending Review/Incomplete Applications**

None

# **Pending Review/Complete Applications**

2019-032 Landmark Hospital of Savannah

Landmark Hospital of Savannah 15-Bed Expansion Filed: 9/16/2019 Deemed Complete: 10/24/2019

60th Day Deadline: 12/22/2019 Decision Deadline: 2/20/2020

Site: 800 E 66th Street, Savannah, GA 31405 (Chatham County)

Contact: William Kapp, MD Chairman 912-298-1000

Estimated Cost: \$20,000

2019-037 Vision Imaging Center

Development of a Freestanding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Center or DTRC

Filed: 10/16/2019 Deemed Complete: 10/29/2019 OPPOSITION FILED

60th Day Deadline: 12/27/2019 Decision Deadline: 2/25/2020

Site: 2484 East Pinetree Blvd, Thomasville, GA 31792 (Thomas County)

Contact: Brandi W Warren 229-226-8800

**Estimated Cost:** \$3,861,894

2019-038 Northside Hospital Cherokee

Short-Stay Hospital Expansion

Filed: 10/25/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/7/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/5/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/5/2020

Site: 450 Northside Cherokee Boulevard, Canton, GA 30115 (Cherokee County)

Contact: Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

Estimated Cost: \$96,411,771

2019-039 Correct Life Bostick, LLC dba Bostick Nursing Center

Construction of 150-Bed Annex - Batching

Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

Site: 1700 Bostick Circle, Hardwick, GA 31034 (Baldwin County)

Contact: Carlo Musso, M.D CEO 770-692-4747

**Estimated Cost:** \$17,484,947

2019-040 Quality One Home Health Agency LLC

New Home Health Services Pursuant to the Exceptions to the Need Methodology - Batching

Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020

Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

Site: 534 Spring Chase Circle, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 (DeKalb County)

Contact: Deega Abdi CEO 678-799-4424

Estimated Cost: \$3,000

# 2019-041 Renal Care Options Home Health Services, LLC

Establish Home Health Agency for the Special Population of End-Stage Renal Disease - Batching

Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

Site: 109 Parker Drive, LaGrange, GA 30240 (Troup County)

Contact: Joseph Cashia CEO 615-969-6033

Estimated Cost: \$142,524

# 2019-042 Hospital Authority of Miller County dba Miller County Hospital and Miller Nursing Home

New Home Health Services in SSDR 10 - Batching Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

Site: 209 N Cuthbert Street, Colquitt, GA 39837 (Miller County)

Contact: Robin Rau CEO 299-758-5954

Estimated Cost: \$140,752

# 2019-043 Mesun Health Services, Inc.

New Service Home Health Agency Under the Exception for Special Population - Batching

Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

Site: 88 Johnson Rd, Lawrenceville, Ga 30045 (Gwinnett County)

Contact: Hanson Kim CEO 256-473-0964

Estimated Cost: \$98,222

# 2019-044 Northside Hospital, Inc Northside Hospital Forsyth

Additional 16 OB beds Pursuant to Need Projected - Batching

Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

**Site:** 1000 Johnson Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County) **Contact:** William J. Brathwaite, Jr Planning Analyst 404-845-5140

Estimated Cost: \$100,000

#### 2019-045 Cartersville Medical Center, LLC

New Service to Include 4 Neonatal Intermediate Care Beds - Batching

Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019 OPPOSITION FILED

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

Site: 960 Joe Franks Harris Parkway, Cartersville, GA 30120 (Bartow County)

Contact: Lori Rakes COO 770-387-8181

Estimated Cost: \$974,905

# 2019-046 East Atlanta Eye Surgery Center, LLC

Convert to Single-Specialty ASC - Batching

Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

Site: 550 Professional Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (Gwinnett County)

Contact: Scott Bullock 404-531-9988

Estimated Cost: \$40,000

# 2019-047 Houston ASC, LLC

Development of a Multi-Specialty Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Facility - Batching

Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

Site: 1601 Watson Boulevard, Warner Robins, GA 31093 (Houston County)

Contact: Sean Whilden VP and CFO 478-542-7959

**Estimated Cost:** \$13,019,200

# 2019-048 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc.

Additional 6 Neonatal Intermediate Care Beds - Batching Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019

60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020 Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020

**Site:** 743 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County) **Contact:** Linda Berger Director of Planning 770-219-6631

**Estimated Cost:** \$19,778,651

# 2020-001 Northside Hospital Forsyth

Additional 43 Medical Surgical Short Stay Care Beds at Northside Hospital Forsyth

Filed: 1/6/2020 Deemed Complete: 1/21/2020

60th Day Deadline: 3/20/2020 Decision Deadline: 5/19/2020

Site: 1200 Northside Forsyth Drive, Cumming, GA 30041 (Forsyth County)

Contact: Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Estimated Cost:** \$43,285,682

# 2020-002 Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC

Construction of Freestanding Emergency Department Filed: 1/21/2020 Deemed Complete: 2/3/2020

60th Day Deadline: 4/2/2020 Decision Deadline: 6/1/2020

Site: 464 North Belair Road, Evans, GA 30809 (Columbia County)

Contact: Doug Welch CEO 706-651-2451

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,500,000

# 2020-003 Coliseum Medical Centers

Construction of Freestanding Emergency Department

Filed: 1/21/2020 Deemed Incomplete: 2/4/2020 Deemed Complete: 2/11/2020

60th Day Deadline: 4/10/2020 Decision Deadline: 6/9/2020

Site: Intersection of Highway 96 and Butten Dr, Bonaire, GA 31005 (Houston County)

Contact: Kelly Lindsay COO 478-765-4100

**Estimated Cost:** \$11,928,250

# 2020-004 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Center

**C**onstruction of Freestanding Emergency Department

Filed: 1/21/2020 Deemed Incomplete: 2/4/2020 Deemed Complete: 2/14/2020

60th Day Deadline: 4/13/2020 Decision Deadline: 6/12/2020

Site: Near Port Royal Rd and Rabbit Hill Rd, Richmond Hill, GA 31324 (Bryan County)

Contact: Matthew S. Hasbrouck, COO 912-350-8519

**Estimated Cost:** \$10,228,210

# 2020-005 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Center

Construction of Freestanding Emergency Department

Filed: 1/21/2020 Deemed Incomplete: 2/4/2020 Deemed Complete: 2/10/2020

60th Day Deadline: 4/9/2020 Decision Deadline: 6/8/2020

Site: Pooler Pkwy and Blue Moon Xing Intersect, Pooler, GA 31322 (Chatham County)

Contact: Matthew S. Hasbrouck, COO 912-350-8519

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,177,000

# 2020-006 Grady Ponce De Leon Center

Renovation of Ponce De Leon Infectious Disease Center Deemed Complete: 2/3/2020 Filed: 1/21/2020

60th Day Deadline: 4/2/2020 Decision Deadline: 6/1/2020

Site: 341 Ponce De Leon Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 (Fulton County)

Contact: Shannon Sale Chief Strategy Officer 404-616-7029

Estimated Cost: \$38,000,000

# **Recently Approved Applications**

# 2019-033 American Health Imaging of Hiram

Additional CT Unit to Existing DTRC in Hiram **OPPOSITION FILED** 

Filed: 9/18/2019 Deemed Complete: 10/18/2019

60th Day Deadline: 12/16/2019 Decision Deadline: 2/14/2020 APPROVED: 2/14/2020

Site: 4374 Atlanta Highway Suite 125, Hiram, GA 30141 (Paulding County) Contact: Stephen R. Janis Chief Development Officer 404-296-5887

Estimated Cost: \$412.500

2019-034 American Health Imaging of GA, LLC dba American Health Imaging of Marietta

Add Second MRI Unit to Existing DTRC in Marietta **OPPOSITION FILED** 

Filed: 9/18/2019 Deemed Complete: 10/18/2019

60th Day Deadline: 12/16/2019 Decision Deadline: 2/14/2020

APPROVED: 2/14/2020

Site: 796 Church Street Suite 100, Marietta, GA 30060 (Cobb County) Contact: Stephen R. Janis Chief Development Officer 404-296-5887

**Estimated Cost:** \$1,225,000

# 2019-035 American Health Imaging of Brunswick

Add CT Unit to Existing DTRC in Brunswick.

Filed: 9/26/2019 Deemed Incomplete: 10/10/2019 Deemed Complete: 10/15/2019

60th Day Deadline: 12/13/2019

Decision Deadline: 2/11/2020 **OPPOSITION FILED** 

APPROVED: 2/11/2020

Site: 1103 Fountain Lake Drive, Brunswick, GA 31525 (Glynn County) Contact: Stephen R. Janis Chief Development Officer 404-296-5887

Estimated Cost: \$412,500

# 2019-036 Emory University Hospital

Hospital Renovation to Relocate and Expand Heart and Vascular Department

Filed: 9/30/2019 Deemed Complete: 10/11/2019

60th Day Deadline: 12/9/2019 Decision Deadline: 2/7/2020

APPROVED: 2/7/2020

Site: 1364 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30322 (DeKalb County)

Contact: Catherine A. Maloney, FACHE VP, Operations 404-712-5529

**Estimated Cost:** \$14,048,175

# **Recently Denied Applications**

none

# **Appealed Determinations**

**DET2016-208** Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital ("EUH") and ES Rehabilitation, LLC d/b/a Emory Rehabilitation Hospital ("ES Rehab") (collectively, "Requestors") Request for Letter of Determination regarding the reviewability of a proposed relocation, decoupling and transfer of EUH's sixteen (16) comprehensive inpatient physical rehabilitation ("CIPR") beds.

Agency Decision: Denied on 2/24/2016.

**Appealed:** Requestors filed request for Administrative Appeal on 03/16/2017.

Hearing Officer: Ellwood F. Oakley III, Esq.

Hearing Date: 6/15/2017.

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer grants Motion of Summary Adjudication to Requestors, 8/28/2017. Department

requests Commissioner Review, 9/22/2017.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Commissioner reverses decision of Hearing Officer and grants summary adjudication to Department, 11/16/17. Emory files petition for Judicial Review, 12/18/17.

**Superior Court Decision:** Court grants the Petition for Judicial Review and Reverses the Department's Final Order, 7/26/2018. Department filed Application for Discretionary Appeal with Court of Appeals, 8/24/2018.

**Court of Appeals:** Court of Appeals reversed the order of the superior court granting Emory's petition for judicial review, 6/28/2019. Emory files Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Georgia Supreme Court, 7/18/2019.

**DET2019-097 St. Francis Health, LLC** Request for Letter of Determination received on 5/14/2019, regarding the proposed relocation of sixteen (16) Adult Psychiatric Beds from the Bradley Center to its Main Campus.

Agency Decision: Denied on 8/9/2019.

**Appealed:** Requestors filed request for Administrative Appeal on 09/4/2019.

Hearing Officer: Dr. L. Lynne Hogue, Esq.

Hearing Decision: Hearing Officer denied Requestor's appeal, 12/14/2019.

**DET2019-050 Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a WellStar Windy Hill ("WellStar Windy Hill")** Request for Letter of Determination received on 3/15/2019, regarding a determination that existing beds would revert back to short-stay beds upon relinquishment of its Medicare certification as a long-term care hospital.

Agency Decision: Denied on 8/21/2019.

**Appealed:** WellStar Windy Hill filed request for Administrative Appeal on 09/19/2019. Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Smyrna and Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc. d/b/a Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital (collectively "Emory") filed notice of intent to participate in and intervene in WellStar Windy Hill's administrative hearing, 9/19/2019.

Hearing Officer: Dr. L. Lynne Hogue, Esg.

Hearing Date: Pending

# **Appealed LNRs**

# LNR-ASC2017022 Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants and Research Institute, LLC

Requested Letter of Non-Reviewability ("LNR") with regard to the establishment of an ambulatory surgery center ("ASC") in Macon, Bibb County.

Agency Decision: Request was denied 3/6/2018.

Appealed: Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants and Research Institute, LLC ("GACRI") filed a request for Administrative

Appeal on 3/29/18.

**Hearing Officer:** William C. Joy, Esq. **Hearing Date:** 10/29/2018 and 10/30/2018.

# LNR-ASC2018022 Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants & Research Institute, LLC

Single Specialty Cardiology Electrophysiology ASC **Agency Decision:** Request was denied 11/14/2019.

Appealed: Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants and Research Institute, LLC ("GACRI") filed a request for

Administrative Appeal on 12/6/2019.

Hearing Officer: Pending Hearing Date: Pending

# LNR-ASC2019009 Northside Hospital, Inc and Phys Owners of Gwinnett Surgery Center, LLC

Requested Letter of Non-Reviewability ("LNR") with regard to the establishment of a joint venture ambulatory surgery center ("JV ASC") in Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.

Agency Decision: Request was denied 10/7/19.

**Appealed:** Northside Hospital, Inc. ("Northside") and Northside Gwinnett Surgical Associates, LLC ("NGSA") filed a request for Administrative Appeal on 10/29/19. DCH filed Motion for Remand, 1/16/2020; Hearing Officer granted DCH's remand motion, 1/28/2020.

Hearing Officer: Dr. L. Lynne Hogue, Esq.

Hearing Date: Pending

# **Appealed CON Projects**

2014-019 University Hospital (Columbia)

2014-029 GRHealth Columbia County (Columbia)

2014-030 Doctors Hospital of Augusta (Columbia)

2014-019 Establish a New 100-Bed Short-Stay Acute Care Hospital

2014-029 Establish New 100-Bed Community Teaching Hospital

2014-030 Construction of New Short-Stay General Acute Care Hospital

Agency Decision: 2014-019 Denied, 11/26/14; 2014-029 Approved, 11/26/14; 2014-030 Denied, 11/26/14

**Appealed:** University McDuffie appeals 2014-029 approval,12/22/2014; University Augusta appeals its own denial and appeals 2014-029 approval,12/22/14. Doctors Hospital appeals approval of 2014-029, 12/23/2014.

**Hearing Officer:** Ellwood F. Oakley, III, Esq. **Hearing Date:** 6/18/2015 – 6/30/2015, 9AM

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed DCH decision, 9/24/2015. Doctors Hospital requests Commissioner's review, 10/23/2015.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Affirmed Hearing Officer's decision, 11/23/15. Doctors Hospital of Augusta filed Petition for Judicial Review, 12/23/2015.

**Superior Court Decision:** Superior Court granted Department's Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review, 4/13/2016.

**Court of Appeals:** Application for Discretionary Review filed on 5/13/2016. Application for Discretionary Review granted on 6/8/2016. Court of Appeals reverses ruling of Superior Court, 2/14/2018. Court of Appeals affirms the Superior Court's decision upholding the Department's decision, 4/30/2019. Doctors Hospital files Notice of Intention to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, requesting the Supreme Court review the April 30, 2019 court of Appeals decision, 5/10/2019.

**Supreme Court:** Petition for Writ of Certiorari granted, judgment of the Court of Appeals vacated, and case remanded for reconsideration, 12/23/19.

# 2016-019 Emory University Hospital Smyrna (Cobb)

Renovation & Upgrade to Current Hospital Facilities

Agency Decision: Approved, 8/4/2016

Appealed By: Cobb Hospital, Inc. d/b/a WellStar Cobb Hospital ("WellStar Cobb"), 9/2/2016 and

Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a WellStar Kennestone Hospital ("WellStar Kennestone").

Hearing Officer: Ellwood F. Oakley, III, Esq.

Hearing Date: 3/27/2017

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed the Department's decision to award a CON to EUH-Smyrna, 7/5/17. WellStar Cobb and WellStar Kennestone filed for Commissioner Review, 8/2/2017.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Affirmed Hearing Officer's decision to award CON to EUH-Smyrna, 8/30/17. Wellstar Cobb and Wellstar Kennestone filed Petition for Judicial Review; 9/29/17.

Superior Court Decision: Superior Court denies WellStar's Petition for Judicial Review, 2/13/2018.

**Court of Appeals:** WellStar Cobb and WellStar Kennestone filed an Application for Discretionary Appeal, 3/16/2018. Affirms the Superior Court's judgment denying WellStar's petition for judicial review, 3/13/2019 WellStar Cobb and WellStar Kennestone (collectively "WellStar") filed Notice of Intention to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, 3/25/2019. WellStar Cobb Hospital and WellStar Kennestone Hospital's Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed in the Georgia Supreme Court, 4/2/2019.

**Supreme Court:** Petition for Writ of Certiorari granted, judgment reversed in part, and case remanded with direction, 12/23/19.

# 2017-063 Redmond Regional Medical Center (Floyd)

Develop Basic Level 1 Perinatal Service - Batching

Agency Decision: Approved, 3/26/2018

Appealed By: Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc d/b/a Floyd Medical Center ("FMC"), 4/24/2018

Hearing Officer: Ellwood F. Oakley, III, Esq.

**Hearing Date: 12/3/2018** 

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed Department's decision to award a CON to Redmond Regional Medical Center, 2/26/19. FMC filed for Commissioner Review, 3/28/2019.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Commissioner affirmed Hearing Officer's 2/26/2019 decision to award a CON to Redmond, 4/26/2019. FMC filed petition for judicial review, 5/28/2019.

Superior Court Decision: Affirms the final decision to award a CON to Redmond, 9/26/2019.

**Court of Appeals**: FMC filed Application for Discretionary Appeal 10/28/19. Court of Appeals denied FMC's Application for Discretionary Appeal 11/21/19. FMC filed Notice of Intention to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Georgia Supreme Court, 12/2/19. FMC filed Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Georgia Supreme Court, 12/11/2019. Redmond filed Response in Opposition to FMC's Petition for Certiorari, 12/30/2019.

2018-008 Floyd Healthcare Management Inc dba Floyd Medical Center (Floyd)

2018-009 Tanner Medical Center Carrollton (Carroll)

2018-010 Hamilton Medical Center (Whitfield)

Development of Adult Open Heart Surgery Service - Batching

Agency Decision: 2018-008 Denied, 6/25/2018; 2018-009 Denied, 6/25/2018; 2018-010

Denied, 6/25/2018

**Appealed By:** 2018-008 Applicant Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc. d/b/a Floyd Medical Center, 7/24/2018. Redmond Park Hospital, LLC d/b/a Redmond Regional Medical Center files request to intervene in Floyd's administrative appeal, 7/26/2018. 2018-009 Applicant Tanner Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Tanner Medical Center-Carrollton,"TMC"), 7/23/2018. WellStar Kennestone Hospital ("Kennestone") files request to Intervene, 7/20/2018. 2018-010; Applicant Hamilton Medical Center, 7/24/2018.

**Hearing Officer:** 2018-008, 2018-009 and 2018-010 – William C. Joy, Esq. Hearing Officer denied Redmond's request to intervene, 9/27/2018. Commissioner denies Redmond's appeal of Hearing Officer's denial to intervene due to limited review authority, 10/10/2018.

**Hearing Date:** 12/10,11,14/2018; 1/7-11/2019; 2/4-8/2019, 2/11-15/2019; 2/26/2019

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirms Department's decision denying CON Applications for 2018-008 (Floyd Medical Center), 2018-009 (Tanner Medical Center), 2018-010 (Hamilton Medical Center), 8/16/2019. Floyd requests Commissioner review 9/13/2019. Hamilton requests Commissioner review 9/16/2019. Tanner requests Commissioner review 9/16/2019. Redmond files renewed appeal to Commissioner on the denial of its request to Intervene. 9/16/2019

Commissioner Review Decision: On 10/15/19, Commissioner affirmed Hearing Officer's 8/16/19 decision to deny a CON to Floyd; reversed Hearing Officer's 8/16/19 decision to deny a CON to Tanner; reversed Hearing Officer's 8/16/19 decision to deny a CON to Hamilton; denied Redmond Regional Medical Center's Renewed Appeal to Commissioner Berry on the Denial of Its Request to Intervene. Redmond Regional Medical Center filed petitions for judicial review of the Final Order of the Commissioner in project numbers 2018-008, 2018-009, and 2018-010, 11/14/19. Floyd Medical Center filed Petition for Judicial Review of DCH's Final Order denying a CON to Floyd Medical Center for project no. 2018-008, 11/14/19.

# 2018-072 Braselton ASC, LLC (Hall)

2018-073 Braselton Surgical Specialist Center, LLC ("BSSC") (Hall)

2018-072 Establish Multi-Specialty Freestanding ASC with Four ORs and Two Procedure Rooms 2018073 Establish Multi-Specialty Freestanding ASC with Three ORs and One Procedure Room

**Agency Decision:** GA2018072 - Approved, 3/25/2019 GA2018073 - Denied, 3/25/2019.

Appealed by: Braselton Surgical Specialist Center, LLC ("BSSC"), 4/24/2019;

Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc.d/b/a Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center ("Piedmont Athens"), 4/24/2019; Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Cherokee ("NHC"), 4/24/2019; Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Alpharetta Surgery Center ("NASC"), 4/24/2019. Piedmont Athens withdrew its Appeal of GA2018-072 on 11/7/19.

Request to Intervene in 2018-072: Braselton ASC, LLC ("Braselton ASC"), 4/24/2019.

**2018-073 denial**: Braselton Surgical Specialist Center, LLC ("BSSC") appeals the denial of their application, 2018073, 4/24/2019:

Requests to Intervene in 2018-073: Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Northeast Georgia Medical

Center -Main Campus ("NGMC-Main Campus"), 4/24/2019; Braselton ASC, LLC ("Braselton ASC"), 4/24/2019; Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Northeast Georgia Medical Center-South Hall Campus ("NGMC-South Hall Campus"), 4/24/2019; NGMC Barrow, LLC d/b/a Northeast Georgia Medical Center-Barrow ("NGMC-Barrow"), 4/24/2019; Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center ("Piedmont Athens"), 4/24/2019. Piedmont Athens withdrew Request to Intervene 11/7/19.

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

Hearing Date: 12/11/2019, 9:30 A.M. /41st Floor. Hearing will continue on April 6-8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., 5th Floor. If

necessary, the hearing will continue on April 9, 2020 at 9:30 at DCH, 41st floor.

# 2018-074 Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Center (Chatham)

Add (expand) 8 Neonatal Intermediate Care Beds to its Existing Services

Agency Decision: Denied, 3/25/2019

Appealed By: Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Center

("Memorial"), 4/23/2019

Candler Hospital, Inc. ("Candler") files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 4/24/2019 and withdraws its request to

intervene on 8/30/2019.

**Hearing Officer:** Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq. **Hearing Date:** 9/23/2019, 5th Floor, 9:30AM

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed the Department's decision to deny a CON to Memorial, 1/7/2020. Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Center ("Memorial") appeals the Hearing

Officer's Decision, 2/5/2020.

Commissioner Review Decision: Pending

# 2019-012 Northside Hospital Cancer Institute Radiation Oncology - Lawrenceville (Gwinnett)

Megavoltage Radiation Therapy-Batching **Agency Decision:** Denied, 6/18/2019

Appealed By: Northside Hospital, Inc., 7/17/2019, Northeast Georgia Medical Center-South Hall files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/18/2019; Northeast Georgia Medical Center-Main Campus files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/18/2019; RCOG Cancer Centers, LLC d/b/a Gwinnett County Radiation Oncology Center-Lawrenceville files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/17/2019; RCOG Cancer Centers, LLC d/b/a Gwinnett County Radiation Therapy Center—Snellville files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/17/2019; Vantage Cancer Centers of Georgia, LLC d/b/a Vantage Oncology Cancer Center at Lawrenceville files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/17/2019.

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 4/6/2020-4/9/2020 9 A.M., 5th Floor, additional hearing dates 4/15/2020 and 4/16/2020 if necessary, 41st Floor. All the parties in this matter have agreed to a continuation of the hearing at future dates yet to be determined, 2/12/2020.

# Requests for DET-EQT for Diagnostic or Therapeutic Equipment

# DET-EQT2019029 Ortho Sport & Spine Physicians, LLC

Purchased Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Sean Bajnath Director of Imaging Services 917-678-1088 **Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 2/3/2020

# DET-EQT2019033 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown

Capital Lease Fixed Robotic Surgery Request received: 11/6/2019

Contact Person: Daniel Owens CEO 404-686-2010

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2019034 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown

Capital Lease Fixed Robotic Surgery Request received: 11/6/2019

Contact Person: Daniel Owens CEO 404-686-2010

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed 
Determination Date: 2/3/2020

## DET-EQT2019035 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital

Capital Lease Fixed Robotic Surgical System

Request received: 11/6/2019

Contact Person: Laurie Hansen VP of Operations 678-474-7012

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed 
Determination Date: 2/3/2020

#### **DET-EQT2019039 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/15/2019

Contact Person: Christine MacEwen Exec. Dir, Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

#### **DET-EQT2019040 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/15/2019

Contact Person: Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

#### **DET-EQT2019041 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/15/2019

Contact Person: Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET-EQT2019042 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/15/2019

Contact Person: Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2019043 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/15/2019

Contact Person: Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET-EQT2019044 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/15/2019

Contact Person: Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET-EQT2019045 Candler Hospital, Inc**

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner Request received: 11/15/2019

Contact Person: Brad Trower VP 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 2/12/2020

# DET-EQT2019047 KHMRI, LLC

Capital Lease Fixed MRI Request received: 11/19/2019

Contact Person: Michael Kroll President 404-242-3301

**Determination:** Withdr/Appl Prior to Dec **Date of Withdrawal:** 1/21/2020

# **DET-EQT2019048 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/27/2019

Contact Person: Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET-EQT2019049 Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc**

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner Request received: 12/18/2019

Contact Person: Lori Jenkins Director 229-312-1432

**Determination:** Pending

DET-EQT2019050 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital

Purchase Fixed Surgical Robot Request received: 12/18/2019

Contact Person: John Miles Chief Financial Officer 770-400-1000

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed 
Determination Date: 2/14/2020

DET-EQT2019051 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner Request received: 12/23/2019

Contact Person: Brian J. Toporek 404-8516821

**Determination:** Pending

DET-EQT2019052 University Health Services, Inc d/b/a University Hospital

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner Request received: 12/23/2019

Contact Person: Edward L. Burr 706-774-8063

**Determination:** Pending

DET-EQT2020001 Piedmont Hospital, Inc d/ba/ Piedmont Atlanta Hospital

Purchase Fixed Surgical Robot Request received: 1/6/2020

Contact Person: Sheryl Klink Shief Financial Officer 404-605-2233

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2020002 Hamilton Medical Center, Inc** 

Purchase Fixed Angiography System Request received: 1/13/2020

Contact Person: Danny Wright VP 706-272-6656

**Determination:** Pending

DET-EQT2020003 WellStar North Fulton Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar North Fulton Hospital

Purchase Fixed Interventional Radiology

Request received: 1/15/2020

Contact Person: April Austin Manager, Strategic Planning 470-644-0057

**Determination:** Pending

DET-EQT2020004 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Duluth

Fixed da Vinci

Request received: 1/15/2020

Contact Person: Brian J. Toporek 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Pending

DET-EQT2020005 Piedmont Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 1/17/2020

Contact Person: Randy Sprinkle, Exec. Dir., Imaging 404-605-3324

**Determination:** Pending

DET-EQT2020006 Piedmont Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital

Purchase IR Biplane System Request received: 1/17/2020

Contact Person: Randy Sprinkle, Exec. Dir., Imaging 404-605-3324

**Determination:** Pending

DET-EQT2020007 South Atlanta Radiology Associates, PC

Purchase Mobile MRI

Request received: 1/17/2020

Contact Person: Balu S. Mani, Owner 770-991-1010

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2020008 Piedmont Henry Hospital, Inc.

Purchase Fixed Surgical Robot Request received: 1/21/2020

Contact Person: James Atkins COO 678-604-5101

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2020009 Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University

Purchase Mobile Robotic Surgery Request received: 1/22/2020

Contact Person: Matthew S. Hasbrouck COO 912-350-8519

**Determination:** Pending

#### DET-EQT2020010 Dr. Satish Poddar

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner Request received: 1/27/2020

Contact Person: Sabrina Boyd Practice Administrator 678-663-6360

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2020011 St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc

Relocation of Existing Equipment Fixed CT Scanner

Request received: 1/30/2020

Contact Person: Brad Trower VP 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET-EQT2020012 Candler Hospital, Inc**

Purchase Fixed Interventional Angiography

Request received: 1/30/2020

Contact Person: Brad Trower VP 912-812-6557

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2020013 Candler Hospital, Inc

Purchase Fixed Interventional Angiography

Request received: 1/30/2020

Contact Person: Brad Trower VP Business Development 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2020014 Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc

Purchase Fixed Spect/CT Camera Request received: 1/30/2020

Contact Person: Jessica Sheridan VP of Operations 678-843-4951

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2020015 Kroll Care, PC

Capital Lease Fixed MRI Request received: 1/31/2020

Contact Person: Michael Kroll Owner 404-242-3301

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2020016 Wellstar North Fulton Hospital, Inc d/b/a WellStar North Fulton Hospital

Operational Lease Mobile MRI Request received: 2/13/2020

Contact Person: April Austin Manager 470-644-0057

**Determination:** Pending

# DET-EQT2020017 Good Samaritan Hospital, Inc d/b/a St. Marys's Good Samaritan Hospital

Purchased Fixed CT Scanner Request received: 2/14/2020

Contact Person: Jeff Brown VP Support Services 706-389-2655

**Determination:** Pending

# Requests for LNR for Establishment of Physician-Owned Ambulatory Surgery Facilities

LNR-ASC2019014 Georgia Interventional Pain - G, LLC

Physician-Owned, Single Specialty ASC

Site: 1504 North Thornton Rd, Suite 104 Dalton, GA 30720 Number of OR's: 1 Specialty: Medical Practice

Project costs as submitted: \$522,813.00

Request received: 9/23/2019 Challenge Received: 10/22/2019

Contact Person: Joseph R. Ross, Partner 912-232-7182

**Determination:** Approved **Determination** 11/21/2019

Opposition: Hamilton Medical Center- 10/22/2019

LNR-ASC2019020 Cleaver Medical Group, PC

Physician Own, Single Specialty ASC

Site:

Number of OR's: 2 Specialty: Pain management

Project costs as submitted: \$951,034.00

Request received: 12/23/2019

Contact Person: Mary W. Hardwick 770-871-9619

**Determination:** Pending

LNR-ASC2020001 Macon Outpatient Surgery, LLC and Navicent Health, Inc.

Establishment of a Single Specialty Joint Venture ASC ("JV-ASC")

Site: 3708 Northside Drive, Macon 31210

Number of OR's: 2 Specialty: Orthopaedics

Project costs as submitted: \$0.00 Request received: 1/17/2020

Contact Person: Victor Moldovan, Esq. 404-817-8500

**Determination:** Pending

LNR-ASC2020002 Macon Outpatient Surgery, LLC and the Navicent Health, Inc.

Establishment of Single-Specialty Joint Venture ASC ("JV-ASC")

Site: 3708 Northside Drive, Macon, 31210

Number of OR's: 3 Specialty: Orthopaedics

Project costs as submitted: \$0.00 Request received: 1/17/2020

Contact Person: Victor Moldovan, Esq. 404-898-8120

**Determination:** Pending

# **Requests for Miscellaneous Letters of Determination**

DET2019149 Battlefield Imaging, LLC

Replacement of CON-authorized PET/CT

Request received: 8/12/2019 Challenge 9/10/2019

Contact Person: Marcia Parker Director of Finance 423-893-7226

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 10/10/2019

DET2019165 Savannah Health Services, LLC

**Bed Capacity Increase** 

**Request received:** 9/9/2019 **Challenge** 10/8/2019 **Contact Person:** Matthew S. Hasbrouck Chief Operating Officer 912-350-8519

**Determination:** Withdr/Appl Prior to Dec **Date of Withdrawal:** 10/30/2019

DET2019207 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown

Replacement of CON-approve da Vinci Surgical System

Request received: 11/5/2019

Contact Person: Daniel Owens CEO 404-686-2010

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/31/2020

DET2019218 St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc

Replace a CON-Authorized Cardiac Catheterization Lab

Request received: 11/15/2019

Contact Person: Brad Trower VP 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 2/12/2020

DET2019219 Southeast Georgia Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Satilla Health

Renovation of Wound Care Center Request received: 11/26/2019

Contact Person: Mark Roberts COO 912-287-2500

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/24/2020

DET2019220 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital

Add 15 Inpatient Beds pursuant to 75% Occupancy

Request received: 11/26/2019

Contact Person: Lindsay Cooper Director of Planning 770-400-2374

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed 
Determination Date: 1/24/2020

**DET2019221 Candler Hospital, Inc** 

Replace CON-Authorized CT Scanner

Request received: 11/26/2019

Contact Person: Brad Trower VP 912-819.6557

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/24/2020

**DET2019222 Candler Hospital Inc** 

Acquisition & Relocation of Hospital-based Skilled Nursing Facility

Request received: 11/26/2019

Contact Person: Brad Trower VP 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/24/2020

**DET2019223 Emory University Hospital** 

Replacement of Linear Accelerator Request received: 11/27/2019

Contact Person: Katherine Wright Director of Operation 404-778-4679

**Determination:** Pending

DET2019224 ARC of Georgia, LLC d.b.a Premier Surgery Center

Relocation of Multi-Specialty CON ASC

Request received: 11/27/2019

Contact Person: John Salandi Administrator 912-389-7450

**Determination:** Pending

DET2019225 St. Mary's Health Care System, Inc d/b/a St. Mary's Hospital

Replace CON-Approved Equipment Request received: 11/27/2019

Contact Person: Jeff Brown, RT FACHE VP Support Services 706-389-2655

**Determination:** Pending

DET2019226 RHC Real Estate, LLC

Expansion of SNF into Existing Space

Request received: 12/2/2019

Contact Person: Teresa W. Moody 478-621-2100 ext 2227

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/30/2020

DET2019227 Douglas Hospital, Inc d/b/a WellStar Douglas Hospital

Purchase of X-ray/Fluoroscopy Equipment and Related Construction

Request received: 12/5/2019

Contact Person: April Austin Manager 470-644-0057

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 2/3/2020

DET2019228 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown

Facility Renovation for a Biocontainment Unit

Request received: 12/6/2019

Contact Person: Nicholas Iannitti, MHA VP 404-686-0303

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 2/3/2020

# DET2019229 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett

Replace CON-approved cardiac catheterization equipment

Request received: 12/11/2019

Contact Person: Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 2/10/2020

# DET2019230 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc d/b/a New Horizons Limestone

New Horizon Limestone Below Capital Expenditure Threshold Renovation

Request received: 12/12/2019

Contact Person: Linda Berger Dir., Planning 770-219-6631

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 2/10/2020

# **DET2019232 Resurgens Orthopaedics**

Replacement of MRI Machine Request received: 12/17/2019

Contact Person: Dr. John Gleason Co-President 404-459-3790

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET2019233 PS Senior Living LLC**

Request for Letter of Determination Request received: 12/18/2019

Contact Person: David L Roos Manager 269-262-4565

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed 
Determination Date: 2/14/2020

# DET2019234 RHC Real Estate, LLC

Remodel of Existing SNF Request received: 12/18/2019

Contact Person: Teresa W. Moody 478-621-2100 ext. 2227

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/30/2020

# DET2019235 Northside Hospital, Inc d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta

Capital Expenditure Under Threshold - OR renovation

Request received: 12/20/2019

Contact Person: Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 2/17/2020

# DET2019236 Piedmont Hospital, Inc d.b.a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital

Relocate CON-Approved Radiation Therapy Facility

Request received: 12/20/2019

Contact Person: Christine MacEwn Exec. Director 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed 
Determination Date: 2/17/2020

# DET2019237 Over the Top Management, LLC

Assisted Living & Memory Care Facility for Private Pay Residents

Request received: 12/23/2019

Contact Person: Mike Pascoe 770-366-6600

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET2019238 Wilmington Senior Care, LLC**

Existing Assisted Living Community Capacity Increase

Request received: 12/26/2019

Contact Person: Allison Ramirez 407-255-2224

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2019239 Hospital Authority of Colquitt County d/b/a Colquitt Regional Medical Center

Purchase Dornier Compact Sigma Modular Lithotripter

Request received: 12/27/2019

Contact Person: Greg Johnson VP of Operations 229-890-3547

**Determination:** Pending

## DET2020001 The Hospital Authority of Valdosta/Lowndes Counties dba South Georgia MC

Replacement of CON-Approved (2009-083) Linear Accelerator

Request received: 1/2/2020

Contact Person: David Schott, DrPh, COO 299-259-4122

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020002 The Hospital Authority of Valdosta/ Lowndes County dba South Georgia MC

Replacement of CON-Approved (182-84) Linear Accelerator

Request received: 1/2/2020

Contact Person: David Schott, DrPh, COO 229-259-4122

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020003 All Saints' - St. Luke's Episcopal Home for the Retired, Inc. d/b/a Canterbury

Replacement of Existing Healthcare Facility

Request received: 1/7/2020

Contact Person: Debi McNeil CEO 470-381-6790

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020004 Vantage Oncology, LLC d/b/a Vantage Oncology Center at Blairsville

Replacement of CON Approved LINAC

Request received: 1/8/2020

Contact Person: Katara Borrero Regional Director of Operations 770-995-

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET2020005 Ellijay Senior Center LLC**

Construction and Operation of a 100 bed Assisted Living Facility

Request received: 1/8/2020

Contact Person: William B. Creekmore Manager 770-318-5412

**Determination:** Pending

#### **DET2020006 Athens Senior Center LLC**

Construction and Operation of a 100 bed Assissted Living Facility

Request received: 1/8/2020

Contact Person: William B. Creekmore Manager 770-318-5412

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020007 Vantage Oncology, LLC d/b/a Vantage Oncology Cancer Ctr at Lawrenceville

Replacement of CON Approved LINAC

Request received: 1/10/2020

Contact Person: Katara Borrero, Reg. Dir., Operations 770-995-2012

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020008 Sterling Medical Imaging Specialists, P.C

Change in Defined Location of CON-Authorized MRI Equipment

Request received: 1/13/2020

Contact Person: Toni Cowan Office Administrator 912-355-6736

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020009 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital

Replacement of Cardiac Catheterization Equipment

Request received: 1/13/2020

Contact Person: Laurie Hansen VP of Operations 678-474-7012

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET2020010 Hamilton Medical Center, Inc.**

Renovation to Accommodate Endovascular Lab Equipment

Request received: 1/13/2020

Contact Person: Danny Wright VP 706-272-6656

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020011 Hamilton Medical Center, Inc.

Use of Endovascular Lab to Perform Cardiac Catheterization

Request received: 1/13/2020

Contact Person: Danny Wright VP 706-272-6656

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020012 Vantage Oncology, LLC d.b.a Vantage Oncology Center at Blairville

Upgrade of CON-Approved LINAC Request received: 1/13/2020

Contact Person: Katara Borrero Regional Director of Operations 770-995-

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020013 Paulding Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Paulding Hospital

Expansion of Hospital ICU Request received: 1/15/2020

Contact Person: April Austin Manager, Strategic Planning 470-644-0057

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2020014 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc** 

Develop 7-Bed Hospice Unit on Main Campus

Request received: 1/16/2020

Contact Person: Linda Berger Director of Planning 770-219-6631

**Determination:** Withdr/Appl Prior to Dec **Date of Withdrawal:** 1/27/2020

DET2020015 The Emory Clinic, Inc.

Purchase of CON-Approved Ambulatory Surgery Center

Request received: 1/16/2020

Contact Person: Mike Mson VP of TEC Operations 404-778-5639

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020016 Piedmont Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital

Replace MRI Unit at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital

Request received: 1/17/2020

Contact Person: Randy Sprinkle, Exec. Dir., Imaging 404-605-3324

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020017 Fayette Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Fayette Hospital

Renovate Existing Cardiovascular Imaging/ECHO Space

Request received: 1/17/2020

Contact Person: Andy Latimer, CHC, Const Prgrm Mgr 706-621-9298

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020018 Ankle & Foot Associates of Southern Georgia, Inc.

Restructure -" Inc." Conversion to "LLC"

Request received: 1/17/2020

Contact Person: David P. Murphy, Phys. Mbr. 912-283-7596

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020019 Indigo Hall Savannah Operating Company, LLC dba Thrive on Skidaway

Multi-story Independent Living and Assisted Living Facility.

Request received: 1/21/2020

Contact Person: Kim Gerbert Operations Lead 678-314-2619

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020020 St. Francis, LLC

Replacement of Nuclear Medicine Camera

Request received: 1/23/2020

Contact Person: Alan George COO 706-596-4000

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020021 East Georgia Regional Medical Center, LLC

Capital Expenditure to Replace Sterilization Equipment and Renovate

Request received: 1/23/2020

Contact Person: Stephen Pennington CEO 912-486-1500

**Determination:** Pending

## DET2020022 Chi Memorial Hospital-Georgia, Inc

Acquisition and Installation of Diagnostic Imaging Equipment

Request received: 1/24/2020

Contact Person: Andrew McGill SVP, Business Dev 423-295-7859

**Determination:** Pending

#### DET2020023 Prince Healthcare Foundation- Southern Regional, LLC

Replacement of CON-Authorized CT Unit

Request received: 1/27/2020

Contact Person: Todd Griffin Director of Plant Operations 770-991-8045

**Determination:** Pending

#### DET2020024 UHS of SummitRidge, LLC dba SummitRidge Hospital

Addition of 10 Beds

Request received: 1/27/2020

Contact Person: Vernell Nunn CEO 678-442-5900

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020025 Northside Hospital, Inc d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett

Capital Expenditures Below Threshold Non-Clinical Ground FI Renovation

Request received: 1/27/2020

Contact Person: Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET2020026 Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc**

Replacement of CON-Approved Equipment in Cardiac Cath Lab

Request received: 1/27/2020

Contact Person: Jody Corry Senior Corporate Counsel 706-475-1195

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020027 WellStar North Fulton Hospital, Inc d/b/a Wellstar North Fulton

Replacement of CON-Authorized MRI

Request received: 1/28/2020

Contact Person: April Austin Manager 470-644-0057

**Determination:** Pending

# DET2020028 St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc

Replace CON-Authorized CT Scanner

Request received: 1/30/2020

Contact Person: Brad Trower Vp Business Development 912-812-6557

**Determination:** Pending

#### DET2020029 St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc

Replace a CON-Authorized Cardiac Catheterization Lab

Request received: 1/30/2020

Contact Person: Brad Trower VP, Business Development 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Pending

#### DET2020030 Dekalb Medical Center, Inc. d/ba Emory Decatur Hospital

Replacement of a Varian Linear Accelerator

Request received: 1/31/2020

Contact Person: Jennifer Schuck Vp Operations 404-501-4622

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET2020031 AU Medical Center, Inc.**

Consolidate Indigent and Chairty Care Commitment

Request received: 2/3/2020

Contact Person: Jennifer Miller VP Strategic Planning 706-446-5132

**Determination:** Pending

# **DET2020032 Cottages Resources, LLC**

Request for a letter of Determination for new assisted Living residenc

Request received: 2/4/2020

Contact Person: J. Randall (Randy) Griffin, Member 478-718-5659

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020033 Northside Hospital, Inc d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett

Capital Expenditures Below Threshold

Request received: 2/5/2020

Contact Person: Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2020034 Coliseum Northside Hospital** 

Pharmacy USP 797 Upgrade Request received: 2/7/2020

Contact Person: John Ware Director 478-297-4710

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020035 Northside Hospital,Inc d/b/a Northside Hospital Cancer Institute Radiation

Replace CON-Exempt Linear Accelator Unit

Request received: 2/10/2020

Contact Person: Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020036 Southeast Georgia Health System, Inc. d/b/a Southeast Gerogia Health

Pharmacy Upgrades to Comply with USP 797

Request received: 2/12/2020

Contact Person: Tripp Stephens, VP of Support Services 912-466-7055

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020037 Cedar Communities at Bountiful Hills, LLC

Increase in Capacity of Existing Personal Care Home

Request received: 2/12/2020

Contact Person: Richard Forster Managing Director 516-229-1204

**Determination:** Pending

DET2020038 Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Windy Hill Hospital

Purchase of Sterilization Equipment and Associated Renovations

Request received: 2/13/2020

Contact Person: April Austin Manager, Strategic Planning 470-644-0057

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2020039 Candler Hospital** 

Hospital Stat Laboratory Renovation Request received: 2/13/2020

Contact Person: Brad Trower VP 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Pending

# Requests for Extended Implementation/Effective Period

2015-032 Piedmont Hospital, Inc.

Develop a New Non-Special Purpose MRT Service

Request to Extend Performance Period

Project Approved: 1/28/2019 Request Received: 12/20/2019 Site: 3525 Busbee Drive, NW (Cobb)

Contact: Christine MacEwe, Executive Dir; Project Mgmt

**Approved Cost:** \$9,350,363 **Determination:** Pending

2010047 Eastside Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Eastside Medical Center

Renovation and Expansion of Main Hospital Facility

Request to Extend Performance Period **Site:** 1700 Medical Way, Snellville (Gwinnett)

Project Approved: 3/4/2011 Request Received: 11/27/2019 Contact: Trent Lind, CEO (779-979-0200)

**Approved Cost:** \$75,336,587

Determination: Approved, 1/28/2020 Extended Completion Date: 12/31/2020

2017035 University Health Services, Inc.

Renovation of Hospital's Sixth Floor Request to Extend Performance Period **Site:** 1350 Walton Way, Augusta (Richmond)

Project Approved: 12/19/2017 Request Received: 1/21/2020

Contact: Ed Burr, Chief Admin Offcr (727-422-8090)

**Approved Cost:** \$5,108,765

**Determination:** Approved, 2/4/2020 **Extended Completion Date:** 7/19/2020

2018068 Kennestone Hospital, Inc.

Establish a New Clinical Decision Unit Request to Extend Performance Period Site: 677 Church Street, Marietta (Cobb)

Project Approved: 3/1/2019 Request Received: 1/24/2020

Contact: April Austin, Manager, Strategic Planning (470-644-0057)

**Approved Cost:** \$15,002,570

**Determination:** Approved, 1/27/2020 **Extended Completion Date:** 9/1/2020

2018053 Stephens County Hospital Authority d/b/a Stephens County Hospital

Establish a 12-Bed Acute Adult Psych Program Request to Extend Performance Period

**Site:** 163 Hospital Drive, Toccoa (Stephens)

Project Approved: 12/20/2018 Request Received: 1/30/2020

Contact: Michael Hester, Chief Executive Officer (706-282-5841)

**Approved Cost:** \$1,140,000

**Determination:** Approved, 2/4/2020 **Extended Completion Date:** 1/1/2021

2018036 Cartersville Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Cartersville Medical Center

Consolidation, Expansion, and Renovation of Cardiac Services

Request to Extend Performance Period

Site: 960 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville (Bartow)

Project Approved: 11/21/2018 Request Received: 1/30/2020

Contact: Lori Rakes, COO (470-490-1881)

**Approved Cost:** \$4,054,336

**Determination:** Approved, 2/4/2020 **Extended Completion Date:** 6/15/2020

2017009 Redmond Regional Medical Center

Renovation and Expansion of Surgery Department

Request to Extend Performance Period Site: 501 Redmond Road, Rome (Floyd)

Project Approved: 6/30/2017 Request Received: 2/4/2020

Contact: Nathan Irwin, Associate Administrator (706-802-3745)

**Approved Cost:** \$13,903,200 **Determination:** Pending

2018069 Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation d/b/a Grady Health System

Development of Ambulatory Services Center Request to Extend Performance Period **Site:** 80 Jesse Hill Drive SE, Atlanta (Fulton)

Project Approved: 3/14/2019 Request Received: 2/10/2020

Contact: Shannon Sale, Chief Strategy Officer (404-616-7029)

**Approved Cost:** \$195,421,983 **Determination:** Pending

# Need Projection Analyses Posted 12/20/2019

Current Status of Official Office of Health Planning Need Projection Analyses and Other Data Resources

# Need Projections and Maps for CON Regulated Services

2024 Non-Special MRT Need Projection – Posted 12/20/2019

2024 PET Need Projection - Posted 12/20/2019

2024 Ambulatory Surgical Services Need Projection by HPA- Posted 9/27/2019

2024 Rehab Need Projection-Posted 9/27/2019

2024 Neonatal Intermediate Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2019

2024 Neonatal Intensive Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2019

2024 Obstetric Services Bed Need Projection - Posted 9/27/2019

2022 Nursing Home Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2019

2022 Home Health Agency Need Projections - Posted 9/27/2019

# Non-Batched Need Projections

2024 Long Term Care Hospital Beds - 8/9/2019

Note: Short Stay Hospital Bed Need Projections are facility-specific and completed by DCH on an ad hoc basis upon request.

# Non-Filed or Incomplete Office of Health Planning Facility Surveys

Required Annual Surveys are available to individual facilities for completion and submission to the Department at <a href="https://www.georgiahealthdata.info">www.georgiahealthdata.info</a>.

A listing of complete and incomplete surveys separated by service and by year may be found at <a href="https://www.GaMap2Care.info">www.GaMap2Care.info</a>.

# **Indigent and Charity Care Shortfalls**

Facilities with Indigent and Charity Care Commitment Shortfalls for Most Recent 3 Years (Commitment status as of (2/18/2020)

| Facility Name   | County   | Year | Shortfall Due | Service                   |
|---|----------|------|---------------|---------------------------|
| ELO Outpatient Surgery Center                                       | Bibb     | 2015 | 1,039.66      | Ambulatory Surgery Center |
| GA Urology, PA Cobb Ambulatory Surgery Center                       | COBB     | 2014 | 14,433.70     | Ambulatory Surgery Center |
| Georgia Pain Spine Center, LLC                                      | COBB     | 2015 | 24,472.48     | Ambulatory Surgery Center |
| Interventional Spine and Pain Management Ambulatory Surgical Center | Rockdale | 2013 | 70,825.83     | Ambulatory Surgery Center |
| Rome Endoscopy Ctr Inc, The   | FLOYD    | 2014 | 92,083.32     | Ambulatory Surgery Center |
| Rome Endoscopy Ctr Inc, The   | FLOYD    | 2015 | 88,222.50     | Ambulatory Surgery Center |
| Schulze Surgery Center, Inc.  | Chatham  | 2013 | 4,838.07      | Ambulatory Surgery Center |
| Schulze Surgery Center, Inc.  | Chatham  | 2015 | 18,304.24     | Ambulatory Surgery Center |
| Stephen Lober Plastic Surgery                                       | CLARKE   | 2014 | 4,439.76      | Ambulatory Surgery Center |
| Island Health Care  | Chatham  | 2014 | 20,912.29     | Home Health Agency        |
| Island Health Care  | Chatham  | 2015 | 46,002.33     | Home Health Agency        |
| Staff Builders Home Health  | Gwinnett | 2015 | 39,203.62     | Home Health Agency        |
| Suncrest Home Health  | Fulton   | 2014 | 18,318.91     | Home Health Agency        |
| Suncrest Home Health  | Fulton   | 2015 | 17,068.27     | Home Health Agency        |

Notes: The provisions of the Provider Payment Act of 2010 exempt eligible hospitals from being required to pay shortfalls associated with CON indigent and charity care commitments while the Act is in force. Critical Access Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, and State-owned hospitals are exempt from the PPA so must still pay shortfalls associated with CON commitments.

# CERTIFICATE OF NEED FILING REQUIREMENTS

# **Letters of Intent**

O.C.G.A. 31-6-40(b) provides that:

Any person proposing to develop or offer a new institutional health service or health care facility shall, before commencing such activity, submit a letter of intent and an application to the department and obtain a certificate of need in the manner provided in this chapter unless such activity is excluded from the scope of this chapter.

O.C.G.A. 31-6-43(a) further provides that:

At least 30 days prior to submitting an application for a certificate of need for clinical health services, a person shall submit a letter of intent to the department. The department shall provide by rule a process for submitting letters of intent and a mechanism by which applications may be filed to compete with and be reviewed comparatively with proposals described in submitted letters of intent.

All parties interested in applying for a certificate of need for new institutional health services MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT 30 DAYS PRIOR TO FILING AN APPLICATION of their intent to do so. This notice must be in writing and must contain the following information:

Name and address of legal applicant; Person to whom inquiries may be addressed; Name, address of facility, if different from legal applicant;

Proposed Project Site Location;

Brief summary description of proposal;

Proposed service area; and,

Cost of the project.

The Department will not accept any letters of intent submitted by either telephone, facsimile or e-mail pursuant to Rule 111-2-2-.06(5).

Note: No CON application will be accepted without a previously filed Letter of Intent. The CON application must be submitted no later than 30 days after the Letter of Intent has been received by the Department.

# **Instructions for Organization of Appendices**

**Appendices**, in the original application document as well as the copies, must be separated by **lettered tabs** upon submission with the Office of Health Planning.

For Appendices with multiple documents, each document in that specific appendix must be separated by a **light colored** dividing sheet containing the name of the document which follows the dividing sheet.

These instructions are listed on Page iv of the CON application form. Compliance with these instructions is required pursuant to Rule 111-2-2-.06(2).

# **Determining Completeness**

Please note the completeness requirements for all applications may be found at Rule 111-2-2-.06(5). Expired, deficient, or invalid information will not be accepted as documentation for the purposes of deeming an application complete.

# **Batching Review**

The below reviewable CON services are grouped for review into quarterly Batching Cycles. These services and the Batching Cycles are as follows:

|        | Batched Service  | Batching<br>Notice | Letter of<br>Intent | Application<br>Deadline |
|--------|--|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| FALL   | Home Health, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate<br>Care Facilities, Perinatal Service, Inpatient Rehabilitation,<br>Ambulatory Surgery, Obstetrical Services | September          | October             | November                |
| WINTER | PET, Mega Voltage Radiation Therapy,<br>Pediatric Cath/Open Heart, Adult Open Heart,<br>Psych/Substance Abuse, Birthing Centers                                    | December           | January             | February                |
| SPRING | Home Health, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate<br>Care Facilities, Perinatal Service, Inpatient Rehabilitation,<br>Ambulatory Surgery, Obstetrical Services | March              | April               | May                     |
| SUMMER | PET, Mega Voltage Radiation Therapy,<br>Pediatric Cath/Open Heart, Adult Open Heart,<br>Psych/Substance Abuse, Birthing Centers                                    | June               | July                | August                  |

# Batching Notifications - Posted 12/20/2019 on DCH Website

**Winter Batching Review Cycle Notifications** 

The requirements for Letters of Intent associated with designated Batching Cycles will be issued at the time of publication of the Batching Notice.

**Letters of Intent** for services, facilities, or expenditures for which there is no specified batching cycle, or other applicable rule, may be filed at any time.

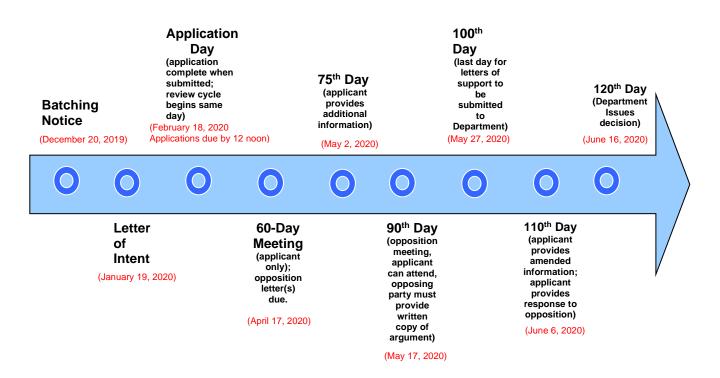
<u>Positron Emission Tomography</u> <u>Mega Voltage Radiation Therapy</u>

Pediatric Cath/Open Heart Psych/Substance Abuse

Birthing Centers Adult Open Heart

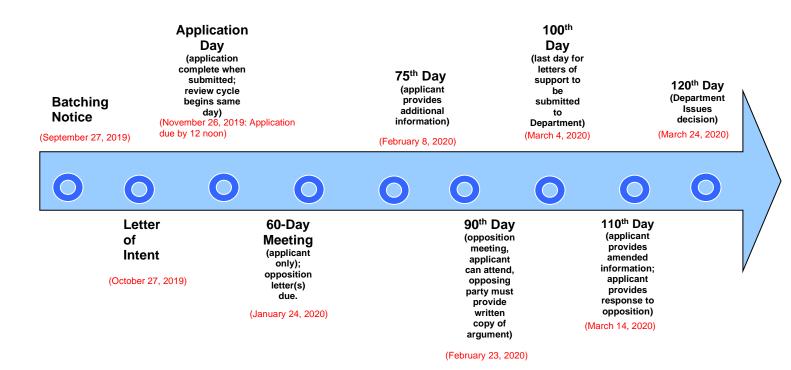
Need Projections can be found on the "DHP Need Projections" Page

# **WINTER CYCLE**



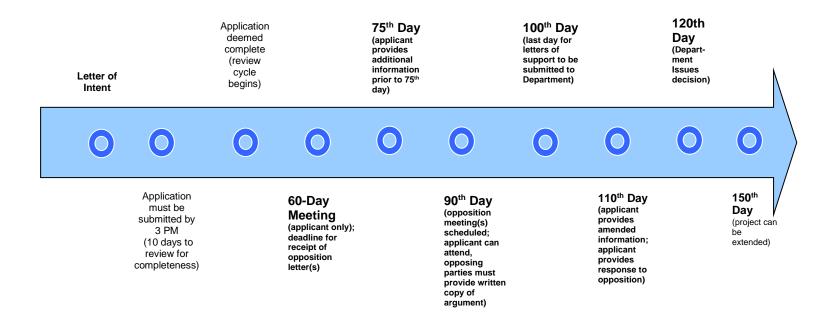
- ▶ Batching Notice issued 30 days before Letter of Intent Due
- ► Letter of Intent received by Department 30 days before application is submitted
- ▶ Applications submitted; deemed complete; review cycle begins
- ▶ 60-Day meeting (applicant only); deadline for receipt of opposition letter(s)
- ► 75<sup>th</sup> day applicant provides additional information
- ▶ 90<sup>th</sup> day Opposition Meeting(s) scheduled; applicant can be in attendance; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented (original and one copy to the Department and one copy to the applicant); presentation time will be limited; Department reserves right to make additional inquiries subsequent to 60-day meeting and following opposition meeting.
- ▶ 100<sup>th</sup> day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110<sup>th</sup> day Applicant deadline for submitting amended information; applicant deadline for providing written response to opposition due to Department; applicant deadline for providing written response to Department's inquiries subsequent to opposition meeting
- ▶ 120<sup>th</sup> day Decision issued (No discretion to extend)

# **FALL CYCLE**



- ▶ Batching Notice issued 30 days before Letter of Intent Due
- ► Letter of Intent received by Department 30 days before application is submitted
- ► Applications submitted; deemed complete; review cycle begins
- ▶ 60-Day meeting (applicant only); deadline for receipt of opposition letter(s)
- ► 75<sup>th</sup> day applicant provides additional information
- ▶ 90<sup>th</sup> day Opposition Meeting(s) scheduled; applicant can be in attendance; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented (original and one copy to the Department and one copy to the applicant); presentation time will be limited; Department reserves right to make additional inquiries subsequent to 60-day meeting and following opposition meeting.
- ▶ 100<sup>th</sup> day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110<sup>th</sup> day Applicant deadline for submitting amended information; applicant deadline for providing written response to opposition due to Department; applicant deadline for providing written response to Department's inquiries subsequent to opposition meeting
- ▶120<sup>th</sup> day Decision issued (No discretion to extend)

# NON-BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES



- ▶ Letter of Intent received by Department 30 days before application is submitted
- ► Application submitted (10 working days to review for completeness). Applications submitted after 3:00 PM will be considered received on the next business day.
- ▶ Application deemed complete; 120-day review cycle begins
- ▶ 60-day meeting (applicant only); deadline for receipt of opposition letter(s)
- ▶ 75th day applicant provides additional information prior to 75th day
- ▶ 90<sup>th</sup> day Opposition Meeting(s) scheduled; applicant can be in attendance; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented (original and one copy to the Department and one copy to the applicant); presentation time will be limited; Department reserves right to make additional inquiries subsequent to 60-day meeting and following opposition meeting.
- ▶ 100th day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110<sup>th</sup> day Applicant deadline for submitting amended information; applicant deadline for providing written response to opposition; applicant deadline for providing written response to Department's inquiries subsequent to opposition meeting
- ▶ 120<sup>th</sup> day Decision issued (Department has discretion to extend to 150<sup>th</sup> day)

# Office of Health Planning Contact Information

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For questions concerning pending Certificate of Need applications please contact Bruce Henderson, Senior Reviewer (bhenderson@dch.ga.gov)

For questions concerning Health Planning surveys and indigent and charity care commitment shortfalls Please contact Steve Cappel, Data Manager (steve.cappel@dch.ga.gov)

# **Letters of Determination**

The Department will require that a determination request be submitted for any proposed activity that may be exempt under O.C.G.A. 31-6. Such requests will be accepted only on the Department's form with the required filing fee of \$250. Requests for confirmation of the exemption for equipment below the threshold shall continue to be submitted using the Request for Letter of Non-Reviewability Form until further notice and will also require a \$250 filing fee.

Note: Requests for confirmation of the exemptions for a single specialty ambulatory surgical center or a joint venture ambulatory surgical center below the threshold are considered requests for a Letter of Non-Reviewability ("LNR") and require a \$500 filing fee

# Requirements for Verification of Lawful Presence within the United States

The Department will no longer require information relating to this topic for Certificate of Need applications.

# **Periodic Reporting Requirements**

From June 1, 2016 until September 15, 2016, the Department, through the Office of Health Planning, permitted facilities an opportunity to complete outstanding surveys in order to become compliant. Facilities not in compliance after the September deadline received a Notification of Deficiencies which included details regarding the outstanding surveys, where surveys could be completed, and contact information for the Department. To confirm whether your facility has an outstanding survey please visit <a href="https://www.georgiamap2care.info">www.georgiamap2care.info</a> To complete a survey, please visit <a href="https://www.georgiahealthdata.info">www.georgiahealthdata.info</a>.

**CON Thresholds** become effective annually on July 1. The current and effective thresholds can be found on the CON Thresholds page.

http://dch.georgia.gov/con-thresholds

# **Special Note**

The <u>Letters of Intent</u> section of the Tracking and Appeals Report provides the date on which the CON Application must be submitted for each potential project. If the CON application is not received on that date, the associated Letter of Intent is considered expired.

Please do not submit Letters of Opposition or Letters of Support prior to the Department's receipt of an actual Certificate of Need application.

# **Open Record Requests**

Requests for documents or other information can be obtained using the Open Record Request form found at the following:

http://dch.georgia.gov/health-planning-publications-and-data-resources

The ORR Form found there can be emailed to HealthPlanningInfo@dch.ga.gov

# Web Links

Please access copies of available Health Planning decisions and documents at the following web address: <a href="https://weblink.dch.georgia.gov/WebLink8/Browse.aspx?startid=63&dbid=1">https://weblink.dch.georgia.gov/WebLink8/Browse.aspx?startid=63&dbid=1</a>

Please also visit <a href="https://forms.dch.georgia.gov/HFRD/">https://forms.dch.georgia.gov/HFRD/</a> for healthcare facility and reporting information.

# LNR Conversion

As of June 1, 2016, absent the proposed undertaking of a reviewable action necessitating prior CON review and approval, the Department will no longer engage in CON review of facilities in possession of an LNR.

# **DET Review**

Pursuant to the Department's adoption of the Facility Guidelines Institute 2018 physical plant updates on April 15, 2018, effective August 1, 2018, the Office of Health Planning will no longer engage in the review or issuance of letters of determination regarding the applicability of the CON laws to those freestanding facilities seeking to perform procedures outside of either an operating room environment or a dedicated non-sterile endoscopy room as they categorically do not meet the definition of a reviewable ambulatory surgical or obstetrical facility.

# CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPEAL PANEL

Sworn by Governor Sonny Perdue on August 20, 2008

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